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March 5, 1945.

Dear Mrs. Holmes.

A few days ago I received your very swell but delayed letter of Nov 26th. Unfortunately it did not reach me sooner. As it is I'm answering at my first opportunity, and asking forgiveness for the sloppy writing and use of pencil.

I am very glad to have heard from you, but I think Dick put it on pretty thick about my saving his life. I did very little, and I know he'd have done far more for me had the necessity arisen. The only difficulty is that he and I were separated for about 45 days,

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before we were rejoined, a
that was only for a short per

I was expecting to fin
Dick back here when I returned,
but I was bitterly disappointed
I'm glad he got a break, if you c
call it that. Unfortunately for
I'm too healthy for one being,
am, against your best wishes, ba
on the front lines. I've been
the go from December 25th on. I pra
that all our tasks are done on
of these days soon.

After that I hope we a
able to meet again and when
all together my thanks will ha

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been repaid. Just being with the
kid is thanks enough.

I thank you for writing and
I hope to have the pleasure of
meeting you upon our return.
For now I must close.

Respectfully
Frank Hoare